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SUBJ: BACKGROUND INFORMATION POPE PAUL'S CORONATION IN 1963

SUMMARY: THIS RESTRICTED MESSAGE PROVIDES BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION ON THE THREE CEREMONIES RELATING TO POPE PAUL'S  
CORONATION IN 1963. END SUMMARY.

1. THE VATICAN HAS NOT YET FORMULATED ANY CONCRETE PLANS FOR  
THE CEREMONIES RELATING TO THE CORONATION OF THE FUTURE POPE.  
OUR CONTACTS AT THE VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE REFUSE,  
AT THIS POINT, TO GO BEYOND STATING THAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL  
BE "MORE OR LESS" SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR POPE PAUL'S CORONATION.  
THIS COMMON PRUDENCE ON THEIR PART BECAUSE IN THE FINAL  
ANALYSIS THE NEW POPE WILL DICTATE HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS.  
HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR YOU HAVE AS BACKGROUND THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE CEREMONIES FOR POPE PAUL'S  
CORONATION.

A. EVENT NO. 1 -- CORONATION MASS AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA ON  
JUNE 30, 1963 AT SIX IN THE EVENING. THE DRESS FOR THIS  
EVENT WAS WHITE TIE -- I.E., SIMILAR TO THE DRESS USED FOR THE  
STATE FUNERAL -- CUTWAY, BLACK VEST, BLACK PANTS, WHITE TIE AND  
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WHITE SHIRT FOR MEN, LONG BLACK DRESS AND MANTILLA FOR LADIES.  
B. EVENT NO. 2 -- PAPAL AUDIENCE FOR ALL THE SPECIAL DELE-  
GATIONS ON JULY 1, 1963, AT 11 IN THE MORNING AT THE SISTINE  
CHAPEL. DRESS REQUIREMENTS AS IN EVENT NO. 1.  
C. EVENT NO. 3. RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIS EMINENCE THE CARDINAL  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE SPECIAL DELEGATION ON JULY 1 AT  
6 IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE BORGIA APARTMENTS IN THE APOSTOLIC

PALACE. DRESS REQUIREMENTS "JAQUETTE," I.E. MORNING COAT,  
GREY OR BLACK VEST, ORDINARY WHITE SHIRT AND ORDINARY BLACK  
TIE, AND STRIPED PANTS.

2. COMMENT: WE REMAIN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THE VATICAN  
SECRETARIAT OF STATE AND WILL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMEN PROMPTLY  
WITH OFFICIAL INFORMATION WE RECEIVE REGARDING THE VARIOUS  
CEREMONIES WHICH WILL BE PLANNED FOR THE NEW POPE'S CORONATION.HOLMES

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